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# Belgians Murdered and Robbed in Pursuance of Set Purpose, Says Bryce

Entire Districts Laid Waste, Towns Razed and Women and Children Killed to Strike Terror Into the Civilian Population

NON-COMBATANTS EXECUTED BY HUNDREDS IN CITIES AND TOWNS

Ex-Ambassador of Great Britain to U. S. Presents Amazing Report of Atrocities Committed by German Troops

### MURDER, LUST AND PILLAGE ARE CHARGED IN THE REPORT

1. That there were in many parts of Belgium deliberate and systemat cally organized massacres of the civil population, accompanied by many

olated murders and other outrages. 2. That in the conduct of the war generally innocent civilians, both men and women, were murdered in large numbers, women violated and

children murdered. 3. That looting, house burning and the wanton destruction of prope were ordered and countenanced by the officers of the German army; that elaborate provision had been made for systematic incendiarism at the very outbreak of the war and that burnings and destruction were frequent where no military necessity could be alleged, being indeed a part of a

system of general terrorization. 4. That the rules and usages of war were frequently broken, particuarly by the using of civilians, including women and children, as a shield for advancing forces exposed to fire; to a less degree by killing the wounded and prisoners and in the frequent abuse of the Red Cross and white flag

Murder, just and pillage, frequent and deliberate, and in many cases comwhole units of soldiers acting under order, is the case made out on appointed by Premier Asquith to inquire into alleged atrocities.

For four months the commission, which was headed by Viscount Bryce, ermerly British Ambassador at Washington, examined carefully more than of cross-examination before their stories were accepted. The report, was made, public in London and New York yesterday by Macmillan Co., the publishers, contains the details of hundreds of cruelties, which the commission finds to have been proved.

The members of the commission are, besides Viscount Bryce, Sir Fred-Pollock, Sir Edward Clarke, Sir Alfred Hopkinson, H. A. L. Fisher, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sheffield; Harold Cox and Sir Kenelm

### Outrages Unparalleled in Three Centuries. the conclusions, the commission makes this comment

conceive that they would be doing less than their duty if they failed to record them as fully established by the evidence. Murder, lust and pillage iled over many parts of Belgium on a scale unparalleled in any wa between civilized nations during the last three centuries.

"Our function is ended when we have stated what the evidence estab- \$75,00 Cash Overlooked in shes, but we may be permitted to express our belief that these disclosures will not have been made in vain if they touch and rouse the conscience of mankind, and we venture to hope that as soon as the present war is over the nations of the world in council will consider what means can be provided and sanctions devised to prevent the recurrence of such horrors as our gen-

For more than four menths before the commission began to sift the evidence the Home Office had been gathering affidavits. In each case the witness was questioned by a lawyer, who did not lead him along; but when the full story was told the attorney subjected the witness to a critical examination. The Bryce commission has talked with many of these lawyers amination. The Bryce commission has talked with many of these lawyers and fire and Mrs. Raymond the decay of the aparts or power of some one near the top of sallon kept by an Engistman named to a local haddous apt to be invited bits organization was apt to be invited. He can be or not has not been reported. A large number of police were rushed as a worker was gone.

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Truth of Witnesses' Stories Established.

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prised to find how little vindictiveness, or indeed passion, they showed, and how generally free from emotional excitement their narratives were. Names have been omitted because of a fear that friends or relatives at home might be involved and suffer retaliation from the Germans.

Evidence Found in German Soldiers' Diaries.

Another part of the testimony upon which the report is based comes from ployed by the New York Central rational to the battlefields and have been translated. The report states:

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in had requested an assurance ermany that she would observe sty of 1839; and the Chancellor he Empire declared that Germany had no intention of violating Belgian neutrality. Again in 1913 the German

given by the German Chancellor in 1911, and that he "was certain that the sentiments expressed at that time had

passage through Belgium for the Ger-

\$500,000 GIFT TO WORKERS.

opper Mining Companies Make

Up for Loss in Wages. CALUMET, Mich., May 12 .-- Ten thousand mine employees and mill workers. meltermen and laborers will share in the distribution of \$500,000 which is be distributed by the Calumet and Hecla Mining and Associated Corporaions on June 11. Announcement to this effect was made to-night.

Employees of twelve companies whose rages were reduced last September on the adoption of a policy of curtailment, the cause of the mnancial and industrial depression brought about through the declaration of war in Europe, will receive sums equal to the amount they lost during the depression. The copper companies taking this step with the Calumet and Hecla are the Osceola Consolidated, Centennial, Ahmeek, Allouez, Tamarack, Lassalle, Isle Royale, Laurium and Superior, the Calumet and Hecla Railroad and the Lake Superior Milling and Smeiting Company

The mining companies are receiving output of copper in ten years.

### TAFT LETTER PLEASES WILSON.

it was understood that it was strictly in line with the public utterances of with a clique of powerful and unscrutania, in which he urged the people of unions who retained their their complete and unquestioned sup- would not have countenanced. But minster,

### RUSH POWDER ORDER FOR U. S.

This was disclosed during a visit yesterday of Washburn residents to Madi-them sit back and gasp." son to fight against the proposed enlargement of the plant here. They were met by representatives of the company.

nearer to the city proper. The German contract for \$5,000,000 worth of high

## **ROB WEST SIDE HOME OF \$30,000 JEWELRY**

bathroom window.

Verdiet Awarded to Electrician

not changed." Nevertheless on August place at a time when Germany's rela-the same Minister presented a note to tions with the United States were a bit

GREAT BEAR SPRING WATER.
50c, the doe of six glass stoppered bottles.
—46v.

# HOPE NOW TO RID NEW YORK OF GANGSTERS

of System Through Dopey Benny.

### THREE MORE HELD: BIG DEFENCE FUND

the highest price per pound for their that system of terrorism and they as-

men have worked. Dopey dealt chiefly

connection with certain labor leaders ower explosive was filled by shipments of the East Side, until he has coi-

oathroom window.

According to a list made out yesterSide and there were few that dared to

sers pocket, \$7,500 which had been that day withdrawn from the bank to meet a bill.

"A noteworthy feature of many of the depositions," says the report, "is that though taken at different places and on different dates and by different lawyers from different witnesses they often corroborate each other in a striking manner."

And, again, the report states:

"Seldom did these Belgian witnesses show a desire to describe what they had seen or suffered. The lawyers who took the depositions were surplised to find how little yindictiveness, or indeed passion, they showed, and

### Germans Seek Protection.

Evidence Found in German Soldiers' Diaries.

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White Plains, N. Y., May 12.—Because Arthur Flawn, an electrician employed by the New York Central railit will be increased to \$250.000 if

monthly one of the neutrality squad and that it had no significance otherwise, notwithstanding that it happened to take an eye. A simple way of ruining a place at a time when Germany's relations with the United States were a bit to a headquarters, ask him to shake the state of the the first ship to a headquarters, ask him to shake the first ship to a headquarters, ask him to shake the first ship to a headquarters, ask him to shake the first ship to grant consistently a life of the quarters. The Philadelphia, on her the quarters. The Philadelphia, on her the quarters. The Philadelphia, on her the quarters the quarters. The Philadelphia, on her the quarters. The Philadelphia, on her the quarters are the quarters. The Philadelphia, on her the quarters are the quarters. The Philadelphia, on her the quarters are the quarters. The Philadelphia, on her the quarters. The Philadelphia, on her the quarters are the quarters. The Philadelphia, on her the quarters are the quarters. The Philadelphia, on her the quarters. The Philadelphia, on her the quarters are the quarters. The Philadelphia, on her the quarters are the quarters. The Philadelphia, on her the quarters. The Philadelphia, on her the quarters are the quarters. The Philadelphia are the quarters are the quarters. The Philadelphia are the quarters are the quarters. The Philadelphia are the quarters. The Philadelphia are the quarters are the quarters are the quarters. The philadelphia are the quarters are the qua to a headquarters, ask him to shake hands and when he stuck his hand out mans."

# THIEVES LOOT LONDON SHOPS IN MOB RIOTS Hished in the Berl The verses run:

Authorities Pierce to Vitals Anti-German Demonstration Spreads to Centre of City.

### WOMEN IN PROTEST AGAINST BREAD PRICES

The anti-German rioting spread

ex-I resident Taft, conveyed in a letter the hub about which Assistant Dis- of anti-German rioting to-night in the Carpathia and the Philadelphia will be

For sixteen months Mr. Breckinridge the mob, neither knowing nor caring Under the plea that America needs the has been delving into the doings of the about the truth, would attack the house powder they will end their opposition modern gangsters, whose tools of with a velley of stones, the volley being to the plant provided it be brought no trade are the blackjack and the re- followed by a rush of looters. This is

Defence Funds Raised.

man names were looted in the coolest expel Somborn for his repeated abuse
The break that began to let in the fashion. The shops first were wrecked and of President Wilson and Secretary workers' unions and attempted to start to the men on the outside, who calmly a new union. They met blows and carried them off. The police were too

to break his thumb so he could never run a machine again. In one case I India docks, one of the centres of discontinued on Last Page.

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Germans in the vicinity of the East HUDSON RIVER DAY LINE STARTS tomorrow from New York, Sat from Albany.

Adt.

Poet Hails Tragedy Feat of Arms.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SEN LONDON, May 13 .- The Daily News translates one of several stanzas published in the Berlin newspaper Der Tag.

The ship goes down with passengers and Harrah! A thousand German lives 'twill

To guard one field-gray hero we would

## TRANSYLVANIA THREATENED

Ten Lusitanias gladly 'neath the wave.

Berlin Report Suggests Attack or Atlantic Transport Liner.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. London, May 12.—The Daily Tele-graph's Rotterdam correspondent says issued an announcement to-day that the LONDON, May 13 (Thursday) .- Transylvania of the Atlantic Transport

ment is as follows: "The steamship Transylvania, which on Saturday left New York, belongs in the category of ships which carry con a German submarine."

various issues the amount of war marial which it alleges has been taken

### PRIDE" IN PEACE RIDICULED.

London Paper Pictures Kaiser as Saying "Smack U. S. Again." LONDON, May 12 .- The Evening News has a cartoon to-night showing Von Tir-pitz in conversation with the Kaiser. Uncle Sam is in the background looking the other way across the ocean. Under-

eath is the following dialogue: Von Tirpitz—I've just given that felan awful smack. Kaiser-Ah, and what does he say Von Tirpitz-He says he's too proud

Kaiser-Good! Then you can smack

## GERARD EJECTS MAN WHO INSULTED BRYAN

Representative of American Firm Ordered to Leave U. S. Embassy.

Elsewhere some shops bearing Ger"I will ask the German Government to

was never more orderly until now. did a business in carpet sweepers and It became evident yesterday that the Protest Against Bread Prices. night he was surprised to Against New York Central.

It became evident yesterday that the unions are coming strongly to the aid of their indicted representatives. Mr. Is Arthur Flawn, an electrician em
It became evident yesterday that the unions are coming strongly to the aid of their indicted representatives. Mr. Breckinridge heard that a defence fund evidence that any sort of organization making any representations to the American Embassy, because he had re-

seven exageration in one without street. When he have reported to be many winesses continued to be many winesses of the fellow and the property in the darks in the street and broken in the stree

# U. S. Demands Reparation and German Promise to Give Up Illegal Warfare

President Wilson's Note on Torpedoing of the Lusitania, Ready for Transmission to Berlin, Minces No Words About Tragedy

a semi-official news agency of Berlin WASHINGTON LOOKS FOR BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AS RESULT

> General Belief Is That More Is Asked For Than Kaiser Is Willing to Grant, but War Is Not Looked Upon as a Probability

> WASHINGTON, May 12 .- President Wilson's note to Germany on the Lusitania and other outrages upon American life and property on the high seas has been completed and is about to be transmitted to Berlin

> furnishing justification for a declaration of war by Germany. President Wilson notifies Germany that this Government is standing firmly behind its previous warning to hold Germany to a strict accountability for her acts against American life and property in the prosecution of her submarine

> The communication does not disclose what form this "strict accountability" will take, but it is clear that recourse to radical action will be necessary if the imperial Government fails to give the United States satisfactory

The President's note calls upon Germany for two specific concessions

1. Reparation for the American lives that have been lost and the American vessels that have been sunk

to give the United States assurances against a recurrence of the recent appalling destruction of American life and the attacks upon American ships As regards reparation, no attempt is made in the note to suggest what would be satisfactory. The determination of this reparation apparently is a money value upon the damage to American life and property. The understanding here to-night is that there is a distinct intimation of doubt whether reparation is really measurable. It is clear that this Government expects

## of Germany of any intention to destroy American life or property.

Three Thoughts of the Note. President Wilson has drafted the note with three thoughts in mindsatisfy the self-respect of the United States, to arouse Germany to realization of her offence against the rights of neutrals, and finally to sto short of any statements which might be regarded by Germany as a justifi cation for declaring war.

meanf, he says, that all fast Side union is wayed by corrupt men, but he does say that union men in many cases from the says that union men in many cases they hired outside thus they street they shown and secretary of State Bryan.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McCune on the third floor of the apartical they street they street they street they street the street they street

were weighed with the greatest care and the determination was reached that the United States owed it not only to herself but to humanity to accept

The note will be founded not only on the principles of internationa law, to which the United States will ask Germany to conform, but upon the broader grounds of humanity. It is apparent that the President in this called his butler, who finally ejected note hopes among other things to be able to arouse the consciousness of the German people and open a way to the German Government to meet the representations of the United States on humanitarian grounds with a mini mum of embarrassment to herself.

As was told in THE SUN to-day, the issue between the United Stateand Germany will be just as serious as the imperial Government desires to make it. There will be no war unless Germany takes the initiative. In the event of the Kaiser refusing to concede the American demands it will be incumbent upon the United States to make good its determination to hold

tions with Germany by the United States. Germany could then make the did a business in Germany, said to-vacuum cleaners in Germany, said to-vacuum cleaners in Germany, said to-break in diplomatic relations many here fear that a more serious situation said to. issue just as serious as she cared to make it. If it went to the extent of a

Obsessed by Conflict.

the point of view of united Germany the least truculent or disagreable is different from that of most Amer- It is pointed out, however, that Q

It is realized in official quarters that will be conciliatory in tone and

some reparation beyond a money payment, possiby a disavowal on the par-

Germany to a "strict accountability." May Be Diplomatic Break. This would be likely to take the form of a severing of diplomatic rela

It was learned to-day that the Pres-